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(SCEPC) MEETING APRIL 2-4, 1974

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SUMMARY: SCEPC SHARPENED ISSUES ON CRISIS & WAR ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, HANDBOOK PROGRAMS FOR JUNE PLENARY. UK VIEWS ON ORGANIZATION ELABORATED WITH EMPHASIS ON "CONCEPT OF ON-LINE DECISION-MAKING." COMMITTEE APPROVED AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. SCEPC MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ALL NATIONS EXCEPT ICELAND. DENMARK, GREECE, NORWAY AND THE UK WERE REPRESENTED BY REPS FROM CAPITALS. CHAIRMAN (DEVEGLIA) STRESSED NEED TO ENSURE THE PLENARY AGENDA CONTAIN

ITEMS OF SUBSTANCE. HE ANNOUNCED NORWEGIAN INVITATION TO VISIT FACILITIES IN VICINITY OF BERGEN AND OSLO PRIOR TO THE JUNE PLENARY MEETING.

2. SCEPC FOCUSED ON AGENDA ITEMS (REF A) IV, V, VIII, IX, X AND XIV, AS CANDIDATES FOR PLENARY AGENDA, WITH ITEM XIV REQUIRING STATUS REPORT ONLY. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF RESUME OF ACTINS TAKEN. FULL REPORT ON ALL ITEMS WILL BE POUCHED.

IV. NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY CRISIS AND WARTIME ORGANIZATION

PEMBERTON(UK) INTERVENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION OF ITEM, READING A LENGTHY STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED. HIS PRESENTATION SET OUT A "CONCEPT OF ON-LINE DECISION-MAKING." PEMBERTON STATED THEIR OPINION WAS SHAPED TO A LARGE EXTENT BY RECENT NATIONAL EXPERIENCE, STARTING WITH OCTOBER OIL CRISIS, THE COAL STRIKE, LABOR UNREST AND OTHER PROBLEMS THROUGH MARCH OF THIS YEAR. UK STATEMENT GOVE OTHER REPS OPPORTUNITY TO POINT UP SHORTCOMINGS OF PAPER (WP/92) ON THIS AGENDA SUBJECT. UK PAPER WITH A NEW COMMENTARY PAPER BY IS WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR PLEANARY DISCUSSION.

V. CEP CRISIS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK-ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRINGING NCWAS INTO OPERATION

WP/90 WILL BE SENT TO THE PLENARY. AT FRG REQUEST, IT IS TO BE REVISED TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC ALERT MEASURES. COMMITTEE HOPES PLENARY REPS WILL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED, ESPECIALLY REGARDING HOST NATIONS' RESPONSIBILITIES.

VIII. EXERCISE

COMMITTEE REVIEWED SCEPC AND NATIONAL HILEX-6 PARTICIPATION. TWO REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLEANARY DISCUSSION - CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE IN THE AC/98 SERIES, THE OTHER AS AN IS INPUT TO THE COEC REPORT. COLONEL VINCENT (IS) SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD SAVE TIME IF THE SCEPC REPS WOULD EXPRESS THEIR VIEWPOINT ON CEP PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX-75 VIA THEIR NATIONAL REPS TO COEC.

IX. TRAINING

COMMITTEE AGREED THAT ESA AND ACTISUD TRAINING EXERCISE WOULD BE POSTPONED. FRG MADE PARAGRAPH 9 (3) OF D/704 SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. PLEANARY WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE 1975 PROGRAM AND EXAMINE THE 1976-1977 PROGRAMS AS PLANNING GUIDANCE TO COMMITTEES INVOLVED. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE D/690 DOCUMENT ON MEETINGS FOR NATIONAL

CEP STAFFS, SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY CAPITALS OF ANY PLANS DEVELOPED. NRA-73 REPORT NOTED.

X. WORK PROGRAMS FOR 1975

WP/93 WAS EXAMINED ITEM BY ITEM AS REQUESTED BY UK WITH VIEW TO "PRUNING THE TREE SO IT WILL GROW." RESULT - ONLY FEW ITEMS ELIMINATED. PLENARY WILL HAVE TO REVIEW ENTIRE PROGRAM.

XIV. CIVIL SUPPORT TO MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT LUXEMBOURG AND GREECE HAD ALSO OFFERED TO BECOME CO-PILOTS IN ADDITION TO CANADA. DENMARK (VINHER) AGREED TO PARTICIPATE ON A CORRESPONDANT BASIS. UK (PEMBERTON) REP INDICATED THAT HE SUPPORTED AN FRG SUGGESTION TO TAKE STOCK OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT FIRST AND, FOR THE TIME BEING, CANNOT AGREE TO GOING ALONG WITH THE INFORMAL GROUP. HE POSED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE US. PEMBERTON WAS ADVISED US WILL RESPOND AT A LATER DATE. CHAIRMAN SUMMED UP STATING THAT THE US COULD NOW PROCEED WITH THE STUDY GROUP AND THAT COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT.

3. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT AT THIS POINT THE JUNE PLENARY AGENDA WOULD ROUGHLY BE AS FOLLOWS: ORAL REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN; NICS BRIEFING; UK PAPER AND IS PAPER ON CRISIS CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WARTIME ORGANIZATION; EXERCISES, PLUS STAFF REPORT ON HILEX-6 AND WINTEX-75; TRAINING; WORK PROGRAMS; AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

4. SCEPC WILL MEET AGAIN ON MAY 31 FOR SEVERAL ITEMS CARRIED OVER FROM THIS MEETING, AS WELL AS FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE FINAL PLENARY AGENDA. RUMSFELD

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